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SUMMARY: AFTER CONCLUSION OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH
SADAT, KALB ON CBS RADIO FROM ASWAN SAID IT MAY TAKE THE
SECRETARY A LONG TIME TO BRIDGE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
EGYPT AND ISRAEL. ON THE NBC-TV NIGHTLY NEWS, VALERIANI
IN A BROADCAST FROM ASWAN BEFORE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING
WITH SADAT SAID THAT WHILE CONCLUSION OF ANOTHER AGREEMENT
WITH ISRAEL IS VIRTUALLY TAKEN FOR GRANTED HERE IN EGYPT,
KISSINGER INSISTS THAT NOTHING HAS BEEN SETTLED YET AND THE
NEGOTIATION COULD BLOW UP. AND KALB IN A CBS-TV EVENING
NEWS REPORT, ALSO BEFORE CONCLUSION OF FIRST MEETING, RE-
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PORTS THAT THE SECRETARY IS HOPING ARAB MODERATES WILL HAVE

THE COURAGE TO BECOME THE DRIVING FORCE TO BREAK THE CYCLE
OF ARAB-ISRAELI VIOLENCE.

1. CBS RADIO (KALB FROM ASWAN 3/8/75) -- ". . . IT MAY
TAKE THE SECRETARY OF STATE A LONG TIME TO BRIDGE THE
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. . . KISSINGER....WAS
CAUTIOUS WHILE SADAT STRUCK A TONE NOT OF PESSIMISM BUT ONE
OF CONCERN THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE QUITE ROUGH.

SADAT SAID THAT KISSINGER'S MISSION WAS VERY IMPORTANT
BECAUSE HE IS WORKING ON TWO PROBLEMS AT THE SAME TIME:
DEFUSING THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND
PUSHING THE PROCESS OF PEACE. . ."

2. NBC-TV NIGHTLY NEWS (VALERIANI FROM ASWAN, 3/8/75)
-- ". . . KISSINGER'S GOAL IN HIS ALL-DAY MEETINGS WITH
SADAT WAS TO GET SOMETHING SPECIFIC FROM HIM TO TAKE TO
ISRAEL. THE ISRAELIS WANT TO KNOW PRECISELY WHAT EGYPT
IS WILLING TO OFFER IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RETURN OF TWO STRA-
TEGIC PASSES IN THE SINAI AND SOME OIL PRODUCING WELLS AND
ONE OF KISSINGER'S MAIN PROBLEMS IS TO GET SOMETHING IN
WRITING THAT IS SPECIFIC ENOUGH FOR THE ISRAELIS, YET
VAGUE ENOUGH SO THAT THE EGYPTIANS CAN CLAIM THAT THEY
ARE NOT MAKING A SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL. THE CONCLU-
SION OF ANOTHER AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL IS VIRTUALLY TAKEN
FOR GRANTED HERE IN EGYPT, BUT KISSINGER INSISTS THAT NO-
THING HAS BEEN SETTLED YET AND THE NEGOTIATION COULD BLOW
UP. . ."

3. CBS-TV EVENING NEWS (KALB FROM ASWAN, 3/8/75) --
". . . THE SECRETARY IS BANKING ON TWO THINGS REALLY TO
HOLD SADAT TO A COURSE OF MODERATION: FIRST, WHAT HE TAKES
TO BE HIS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EGYPTIAN LEADER,
AND SECOND, SADAT'S NATIONALISM, HIS PRIDE IN AN INDEPEND-
ENT EGYPT RECOVERING OCCUPIED ARAB LAND WITHOUT TOO
HEAVY A DEPENDENCE UPON RUSSIA. THIS CRITICAL NEGOTIATION
IS ONLY STARTING AND ALMOST ANY JUDGMENT HAS TO BE PREMA-
TURE. BUT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER THIS NEGOTIATION WILL HELP
FASHION MIDDLE EAST HISTORY FOR SOME TIME TO COME.
KISSINGER IS HOPING ARAB MODERATES, SUCH AS PRESIDENT
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TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF ARAB-ISRAELI VIOLENCE."

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